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DelMarVa Emergency Task Force Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, May 06, 2004

Caroline County Health and Public Services Building

403 S. 7th Street

Denton, MD 21629

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10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Welcome

The meeting commenced at 10:05. Robert Ward opened the meeting. He announced the Steering Chairperson; Mr. Bryan Ebling would not be attending today's meeting. All attendees introduced themselves and the agencies for which they represent.

Attendance & Introductions

Thirty-four persons were in attendance representing the following Delmarva organizations and private agencies:

Cindy Towers

Buzzy Bayles

Sue Willits

Jason Stubbs

Jeff Robinson

David Fitzgerald

Ed Mullikin

Bill Dial

Steve Garvin

Steve Marshall

Carline County EMA

Ocean City EMA

Kent County EMA

Q.A. County EMA

Wicomico County EMA

Worcester County EMA

Talbot County EMA

Talbot County EMA

Dorchester County EMA

Somerset County EMA

Glen Gillespie

Gene Donaldson

Tricia Faust

DEMA

Del. DOT

Del. DOT Planning

Col. Aaron Chaffinch	DSP HQ Dover
Ltc Dallas Wingate	Del. National Guard
Rosanne Pack	DEMA
Kevin Kille	DEMA
Kelvin Ramsey	DE Geological Survey
Ted Valmas	MD SHA
Ruth Mascari	MEMA
Carl Phelps	MEMA
James Wright	SHA - Salisbury
Deborah Wicker	SHA - Salisbury
Robert Ward	MEMA
Stewart Baker	VDEM
Bob Shapiro	FEMA – Region III
Bruce Moffett	USAF
Joe Gavin	USACE-Philadelphia
Bill Sammler	NWS – Wakefield
Mark Tinsman	ARC of DelMarVa Peninsula
Michael Caffrey	Conectiv
Erin Boyd	Verizon
Larry Kibler	Civil Air patrol
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Risk Profile Decision Matrix in Hurrevac

Mr. Stewart Baker, Hurricane Program Manager, VA presented to the DETF an overview of the matrix to the attendees. This program has identifiers and characteristics and is a tool to assist with the decision making process for oncoming hurricanes. Information can be pulled out from the Hurrevac Program and used in different ways. The matrix will be available to locals after some final changes are complete. Robert added they hope to have some information available @ the Hurricane Training on 5/20/04.

Tide Gauges Panel Discussion

Mr. Kelvin Ramsey, Delaware Geological Survey and Kim Golden, Maryland State Hazard Mitigation Officer discussed the current status of gauges in the State of Maryland and the DelMarVa Peninsula. Kim explained that 5% of Post Disaster Mitigation Funds purchased additional gauges. Many request for Southern Worcester. A huge area where there are no gauges is Cambridge south to Virginia. Additional concerns of persons in

the smaller jurisdictions to monitor the gauges. Discussion of the SHA Solar Powers Weather Stations throughout the State, could serve as a dual purpose.

Hurricane Isabel Long Term Recovery

Ruth Mascari, MEMA began by thanking the attendees for their patience in the long-term recovery process. Ruth reported the NFIP Open House has offered 22 workshops. Ruth introduced Mr. Jim Michael, Director of the Eastern Shore Interfaith Recovery Team. Mr. Michael reports the Tide/Slosh/Storm Surge from Isabel was the worst Natural Disaster to hit Maryland. Residents are still finding long term problems as a result of Isabel (i.e. evidence of wet wallboard). Mr. Michael gave the attendees an update on the status of Isabel. He stated we need to keep the public inform. To date, there are still displaced persons in 40 – 50 FEMA Trailers. There was a short discussion on House Bill #3, mistrust in the Government – loan programs, etc.

Traffic Monitoring Update

Mr. Ted Valmas pitch hitting for Mr. Alvin Marquess, MD SHA-Chart. Ted reported to the Task Force about placement of cameras to be placed in the State of Maryland. A total of nineteen new camera locations are to be installed with eight of them to be put on the shore. Locations will mainly be off of Md. Rt. 50 @ Rt. 90, Rt. 301, Rt. 301 Split, Rt., 611, Rt. 331, Rt., 113, Rt., 13 and Md. Rt. 90 & 589.

Work Group Reports

Planning/EDU: Sue reported on the information learned from attending the National Hurricane Conference. Each jurisdiction needs to e-mail to Marsha info. about their jurisdictions

- 1). Year round census
- 2). Summer population
- 3). Year round age & gender
- 4). Hispanic population

Exercise Design: Buzzy reports the committee will meet directly following the DETF meeting. At this time the design team along with Conectiv's assistance is planning a Power Outage Full Scale Exercise for the Fall.

Open Forum

Buzzy expressed his concern on Dorchester Co. after the storm. He stated just how important it is to share resources. Jeff Robinson noted to be sure schools are wired to accommodate generators.

Mark Tinsman reported there will be some changes in the Red Cross Structure/State Relations, but should not be a huge impact

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Held at the Bayside Restaurant on Ewell (Smith Island, MD) in Somerset County on July 28, 2004

The Boat will leave Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, MD. at 12:30 PM. Everyone should be at the Marina by 12:15 PM. The cost will be \$33.25 for the boat and buffet lunch.